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Serial No.: 09/310,844

Group Art Unit: 1635


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For: **MOLECULAR INTERACTION SITES OF INTERLEUKIN-2 RNA AND METHODS
OF MODULATING THE SAME**

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Claims:

✓ ✓ ✓
Please cancel claims 94-100 and 108 without prejudice to their presentation in another application.

✓ ✓
Please amend claims 110-113 to read as follows:

110. (Amended twice) A purified and isolated RNA fragment up to 70 nucleotides that is

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